



Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1765
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re application of: |) | |
| |) | Docket No. LAM2P295 |
| Wen-Ben CHOU et al. |) | |
| |) | Examiner: Chen, Kin Chan |
| Application No. 09/998,858 |) | |
| |) | Group Art Unit: 1765 |
| Filed: October 31, 2001 |) | |
| |) | Date: December 8, 2003 |
| For: METHOD AND APPARATUS |) | |
| FOR NITRIDE SPACER ETCH |) | |
| PROCESS IMPLEMENTING - |) | |
| IN SITU INTERFEROMETRY |) | |
| ENDPOINT DETECTION AND |) | |
| NON-INTERFEROMETRY |) | |
| ENDPOINT MONITORING |) | |

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 8, 2003, please enter the following remarks in the above-identified patent application:

Listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Request for Reconsideration in the above-identified Application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Previously Paid For | Present Extra | SMALL ENTITY RATE FEE | OR | LARGE ENTITY RATE FEE |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 16 - | 20 | 00 | X09 = \$ | OR | X18 = \$ |
| INDEP CLAIMS | 04 - | 04 | 00 | X43 = \$ | OR | X86 = \$ |
| [] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid | | | | \$145 | | \$290 |
| TOTAL | | | | \$ | | \$ |

- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition for a _____ month(s) extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.
- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0805.
- ☐ Enclosed is our Check No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.
- ☒ If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P295). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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